

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2497–S2531

Measures Introduced: Twenty-eight bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1231–1258, and S. Res. 174–178. **Pages S2515–16**

Measures Passed:

Target Practice and Marksmanship Training Support Act: Senate passed H.R. 1222, to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to facilitate the establishment of additional or expanded public target ranges in certain States.

Subsequently, Senate vitiated the April 10, 2019 passage of S. 94 and the measure was indefinitely postponed. **Page S2502**

United States commitment to Taiwan: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 13, reaffirming the United States commitment to Taiwan and to the implementation of the Taiwan Relations Act, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S2525**

Federal Rotational Cyber Workforce Program Act: Senate passed S. 406, to establish a Federal rotational cyber workforce program for the Federal cyber workforce, after agreeing to the committee amendment. **Pages S2525–28**

Measures Indefinitely Postponed:

Target Practice and Marksmanship Training Support Act: Senate indefinitely postponed S. 94, to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to facilitate the establishment of additional or expanded public target ranges in certain States. **Page S2502**

Barker Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of J. Campbell Barker, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas. **Pages S2506–08**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 52 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. EX. 84), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S2505–06**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that all post-cloture time on the nomination expire at 11:45 a.m., on Wednesday, May 1, 2019. **Page S2505**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, May 1, 2019, with the time until 11:45 a.m. equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees. **Page S2528**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 68 yeas to 31 nays (Vote No. EX. 79), William Cooper, of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the Department of Energy. **Pages S2497–S2501, S2531**

By 90 yeas to 8 nays (Vote No. EX. 81), R. Clarke Cooper, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Political-Military Affairs). **Pages S2502, S2531**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 91 yeas to 8 nays (Vote No. EX. 80), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S2501–02**

By 72 yeas to 27 nays (Vote No. EX. 83), Gordon Hartogensis, of Connecticut, to be Director of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation for a term of five years. **Pages S2503–05, S2531**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 72 yeas to 27 nays (Vote No. EX. 82), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S2502–03**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

B. Chad Bungard, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Merit Systems Protection Board for the term of seven years expiring March 1, 2025.

25 Army nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Army. **Pages S2530–31**

Messages from the House: **Page S2511**

Measures Referred: **Pages S2511–12**

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

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Additional Statements:

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: Page S2525

Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total—84) Pages S2501–03, 2505–06

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:58 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, May 1, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2528.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 and advance appropriations requests for 2021 for the Department of Veterans Affairs, after receiving testimony from Robert L. Wilkie, Secretary, Paul R. Lawrence, Under Secretary for Benefits, Veterans Benefits Administration, Randy C. Reeves, Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs, Jon J. Rychalski, Assistant Secretary for Management and Chief Financial Officer, and Richard A. Stone, Executive in Charge, Veterans Health Administration, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

APPROPRIATIONS: USAID

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the United States Agency for International Development, after receiving testimony from Mark Green, Administrator, United States Agency for International Development.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Admiral William F. Moran, USN, for reappointment to the grade of admiral and to be Chief of Naval Operations, and Lieutenant General David H. Berger, USMC, to be general and to be Commandant of the Marine Corps, who was introduced by Senator Kaine, both of the Department of Defense, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

GUIDANCE, SUPERVISORY EXPECTATIONS, AND THE RULE OF LAW

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine how banking agencies regulate and supervise institutions, focusing on guidance, supervisory expectations, and the rule of law, after receiving testimony from Greg Baer, Bank Policy Institute, Washington, D.C.; Margaret E. Tahyar, Davis Polk and Wardwell LLP, New York, New York; and Patricia A. McCoy, Boston College Law School, Boston, Massachusetts.

CYBERSECURITY OF THE INTERNET OF THINGS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Security concluded a hearing to examine strengthening the cybersecurity of the Internet of Things, after receiving testimony from Charles H. Romine, Director, Information Technology Laboratory, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce; Matthew J. Eggers, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and Robert Mayer, USTelecom, both of Washington, D.C.; Mike Bergman, Consumer Technology Association, Arlington, Virginia; and Harley Geiger, Rapid7, Boston, Massachusetts.

U.S. GLOBAL LEADERSHIP IN NUCLEAR ENERGY

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine pathways to reestablish United States global leadership in nuclear energy, including S. 903, to direct the Secretary of Energy to establish advanced nuclear goals, provide for a versatile, reactor-based fast neutron source, make available high-assay, low-enriched uranium for research, development, and demonstration of advanced nuclear reactor concepts, after receiving testimony from Mark Peters, Laboratory Director, Idaho National Laboratory, Department of Energy; Jeffrey S. Merrifield, former Commissioner, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP, and Maria Korsnick, Nuclear Energy Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; Ashley E. Finan, Nuclear Innovation Alliance, Jamestown, Rhode Island; and Mark McManus, United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry of the United States and Canada, AFL–CIO, Annapolis, Maryland.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Ada E. Brown, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas, Steven D. Grimberg, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia, who was introduced by Senator